Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I become a Victim Advocate?

- a. Call the office at 575-784-1014/1044
- b. NOT everyone can be a Victim Advocate
- c. Process begins with paperwork, interview and OSI background check
- d. 40 hours of training and another application process through the National Organization of Victim Assistance
- e. Mandatory refresher training required every year
- f. Mandatory participation throughout the year with the program

2. What are the hours of the Sexual Assault Prevention Office?

- a. Office hours are Monday Friday 0730-1630
- b. The SAPRO hotline can be reached 24/7 for cases and emergencies at 575-784-7272. Note: the hotline is held by a certified Victim Advocate.

3. Who can use our services?

- a. Active Duty, Spouses, dependents 18 years and older, Government employees, Guard and Reserves who are on status.
- b. DoD civilians and contractors can use our services but it will be an unrestricted report.

4. My supervisor is a Victim Advocate, can I report a Sexual Assault to them and still have it restricted?

a. NO – Supervisor roles trump Victim Advocate roles.

5. How often do I need to take the Sexual Assault Prevention Training?

- a. Annual Training begins in October 1 and ends September 30 once a year
 - i. Conducted in the classroom by a Victim Advocate or SARC
 - ii. This is tracked through the Sexual Assault Office using ADLS and sign in sheets
- b. Pre-deployment training is done through ADLS by CBT
 - i. Good for two years, turn in certificate to UDM
- c. SAPR Stand down days are not considered training
- d. This is considered formal training

6. As a supervisor am I mandated to contact my chain of command, Sexual Assault Prevention Office & OSI?

a. Yes- by AFI 36-6001 supervisors are mandated to report all Sexual Assaults

7. Who sees Sexual Harassment cases on bases?

a. Equal Opportunity – can be reached at 575-784-2472

8. What is the difference between Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault?

- a. Sexual Harassment: Inappropriate jokes, sexual advances, sexting, etc.
- b. Sexual Assault: Inappropriate touching
- c. Please look at AFI-36-6001 for detailed information